MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It will vary from place to place.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know what will be the average cost of production?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: As I have already stated it will vary from place to place. For example, the cost at Kuttanad will be quite different from that at Nanjinad. The cost in the viruppu lands will be quite different from that in Punja lands.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether it will leave a margin to the producer?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Order, Order. I had a big conference of members of the Legislature and others and they have all whole-heartedly agreed that this rate is a favourable one.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: That was two years ago.

MR. M. K. NEELAKANTAN: കൊച്ചിക്കാട്ട നെല്ല് എന്തുവിലയ്ക്കാണ് വാങ്ങുന്നതെന്നും എന്തു വിലയ്ക്കാണ് വില്ക്കുന്നതെന്നും അറിയാമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The price of one standard para of paddy in Cochin is Rs. 1-7-0. The price paid in Malabar is Rs. 1-5-0. The Government of India have stated that we are paying the highest price for the paddy.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether it leaves a margin to the actual producer?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir, It does leave.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Does the honourable member know that the cost of production in Travancore is higher than in any other part of India?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I do not think so.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Will the honourable member kindly give us any idea of the cost of production?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: If the honourable member is very particular about it I shall work it out and give him. I think Rs. 1-8-0 per para of paddy that is now given is a fair price to the producer as well as to the consumer.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether it is right to purchase paddy from those who have not got enough for their maintenance?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The honourable member forgets that the cultivator is allowed to consume at a rate which is double that which is allowed to a non land holder.

MR. P. M. VARUGHESE: We are selling our paddy at Rs. 1-8-0 and again buying it at Rs. 1-12-0. Why should we do that?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The increase is mainly due to transport charges.

Transport of food grains.

130. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the system adopted by the department for giving contract in the transport of food grains;

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(*b*) whether contractors in Alleppey, Cochin and Trivandrum were carrying on the landing and shipping work to the satisfaction of the department;

(*c*) whether the department has been making arrangements with a new company for doing the work of landing and shipping of the food grains;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that an enhanced rate has been proposed to be given for the above work to the new company; and

(*e*) the name of the new company?

MR. V. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) The work of transport of foodgrains from one depot to another was not being got done oncontract basis.

(*b*) The contractor engaged for the landing and shipping work at Alleppey Port was not carrying on the work satisfactorily and there were complaints against him.

(*c*) Yes, in respect of the Alleppey Port.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The Travancore Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: ഒ വണ്മെൻറിലേക്ക് കൺട്രാക്ടരുടെ പേരിൽ വന്നിട്ടുള്ള കാപ്ലയിൻറ്സിൻെറ സ്വഭാവമെന്താണ് ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: അയാൾ 'ജാനകി' എന്ന സ്റ്റീമർ, അതിന് നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സമയത്ത് വിടാതെ, തുടക്കത്തിൽ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടിച്ച് പരാതി ഉണ്ടാക്കി വച്ചതുള്ളതാണ് കംപ്ലെയിൻറ്.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: പുതിയ കൺട്രാക്ട് കൊടുത്തതിനു ശേഷവും, പഴയ ആൾ തന്നെ ഈ സർവ്വീസ് നടത്തി വരുന്നതായിട്ടറിയാമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ബോംബെ ഷിപ്പിങ്ങ് കമ്പോസിയേഷനിൽനിന്നും ടെലഗ്രാം വന്ന സ്റ്റീമർ സമയത്ത് വന്നു ചേർന്നില്ലെന്ന്.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽനിന്നും അങ്ങനെ എന്തെങ്കിലും തരത്തിൽ പരാതി ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഉണ്ട്.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: ഇപ്പോൾ പുതിയ കൺട്രാക്ട് കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നത് എത്ര റേറിനാണ് ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: 3 annas per bag.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: How long was the company engaged?

MR. V. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It was engaged during the shipping season.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what is the total amount of the enhanced rate?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I have not worked it out, Sir.

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